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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3118 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Patient to staff ratios in nursing homes
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Kokolis and Stein
Impact Date: February 16, 2017 - Updated for additional agency response

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

| | FY 2017-18 | FY 2018-19 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| State Expenditure | | |
| General Fund | \$1,744,676 | \$0 |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | \$0 |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 34.2 | 0.00 |
| State Revenue | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Expenditure | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have an expenditure impact of \$1,744,676 on the General Fund for the Department of Mental Health to hire 34.2 FTEs to meet the new minimum staffing ratios. There is no expenditure impact on Other Funds or Federal Funds. This statement is updated to include a response from the Department of Mental Health.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill increases the minimum number of non-licensed nursing staff required to provide care in nursing homes during second and third shifts. Under current law, the minimum patient-staff ratio of 9 to 1 is required for shift 1, 13 to 1 for shift 2, and 22 to 1 for shift 3. The bill would require a minimum ratio of 9 to 1 for all shifts as a condition of licensure.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, as the department currently regulates nursing home staffing ratios. The bill does not impact the department’s current oversight procedures or require any additional agency responsibilities.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Department of Mental Health. The department indicates this bill will have an expenditure impact on the General Fund of \$1,744,676 for 34.2 FTEs. The new staff is needed to increase minimum staffing ratios on second and third shifts to one certified nursing assistant for every nine residents at Roddey and Stone Pavilion.

The C.M Tucker, Jr. Nursing Care Center is an intermediate and skilled long-term care facility. The Stone Veterans' Pavilion, part of the C.M. Tucker, Jr. Nursing Care Center, is dedicated to providing long-term care to South Carolina Veterans and has 90 beds. The Stone Pavilion is licensed by South Carolina and is certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the Veterans Administration. The Roddey Pavilion, also part of the C.M. Tucker, Jr. Nursing Care Center, serves all South Carolinians and has 176 beds. The younger residents are primarily patients who sustained traumatic brain injuries from motor vehicle accidents. Many of the residents have some type of secondary or historic psychiatric diagnosis, but their primary need is for intermediate or skilled nursing care. Currently, non-licensed nurse staffing levels at C.M. Tucker, Jr. Nursing Care Center, at full capacity, are approximately 30 for shift 1, 21 for shift 2, and 12 for shift 3. The staffing ratios for shifts 2 and 3 will be increased to meet the new 9 to 1 ratio required by the bill.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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